

## Message Text

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E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, MARR, )3, IS

SUBJ: UNIFIL: ARRANGEMENTS WITH MAJOR HADDAD

REF: USUN 02329

WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WISE AT THIS TIME FOR THE U.S.  
TO SOLICIT THE GOI TO ENCOURAGE HADDAD'S COOPERATION WITH  
UNIFIL AND THE GOL (REFTEL). IT IS OUR DISTINCT IMPRESSION  
THAT DIRECT TALKS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE UN CONCERNING SOUTH  
LEBANON HAVE BEEN MORE EFFECTIVE IN RESOLVING THE ISSUES  
AT HAND THAN EARLIER U.S. ATTEMPTS AT MEDIATION BETWEEN THE  
TWO. WE CERTAINLY DON'T RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT IN  
THE EVENT OF A CLEARLY IMPENDING CRISIS BETWEEN HADDAD AND  
THE UN, IT COULD BE USEFUL FOR US TO WEIGH IN HERE WITH  
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THE ISRAELIS. WE WOULD ALSO OBSERVE IN THAT CONNECTION  
THAT ISRAEL POSSESSES FAR LESS THAN TOTAL AUTHORITY OVER  
HADDAD, WHO IN TURN IS HARDLY THE ONLY CHRISTIAN LEADER  
WHO IS MAKING DECISIONS IN SOUTH LEBANON. FROM THIS PER-  
SPECTIVE, IT APPEARS THAT ARRANGEMENTS ON THE GROUND IN  
SOUTH LEBANON ARE MORE OR LESS SLOWLY WORKING THEMSELVES  
OUT AND THAT WE ARE SHORT OF THE SORT OF CRITICAL SITUATION

WHICH WOULD INVITE DIRECT U.S. INVOLVEMENT. INDEED,  
SIILASVUO HAS HAD AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK THE UNITED  
STATES TO ASSUME SUCH A ROLE, AND HE HAS NOT DONE SO.  
FINALLY, EZER WEIZMAN, THE ONLY EFFECTIVE INTERLOCUTOR ON  
THESE MATTERS WITHIN THE GOI, IS OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY.  
THUS, IN OUR JUDGMENT, WE SHOULD ALLOW THE ISRAELIS, HADDAD  
AND THE UN TO GO ON TRYING TO WORK THIS OUT THEMSELVES UNTIL  
IT IS APPARENT THEY ARE UNABLE TO DO SO.

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